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IN PATENT APPLICATION

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SURFACE PROCESSING METHOD, the specification of which was filed on September 18, 2003, as PCT International Application No. PCT/JP03/11903 (now U.S. Patent Application No. 10/528,480).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

| Prior Foreign<br>Application No(s). | Country | Foreign Filing Date<br>Month/Day/Year | Priority<br>Claimed<br>Yes/No |
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| 2002-271337                         | Japan   | September 18, 2002                    | Yes                           |
| 60/412,457                          | U.S.    | September 19, 2002                    | Yes                           |
| 2003-072318                         | Japan   | March 17, 2003                        | Yes                           |

I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with Customer No. 26389 as the attorneys to prosecute the application identified above and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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